ments/Institutions for setting up of Cobalt Therapy Units.

(f) and (g) Bone Marrow transplantation is a very costly and cumbersome process with low success rate. It is being undertaken in highly specialised institutions like Tata Memorial Hospital, Bombay.

Nursing Homes in Delhi

525. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Nursing Homes are mushrooming in all parts of the Capital without any set norms and regulations for maintenance of standards, especially in view of the fact that the law governing the setting up and running of Nursing Homes in Delhi is old and outdated;

(b) if so, when was the present law enacted;

(c) what are the reasons for not updating the law in this regard; and

(d) by when the same is liekly to be done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (d) There has been an increase in the opening of Nursing Homes in the Union Territory of Delhi. The Delhi Nursing Homes Registration Act was enacted in the year 1953 and rules thereunder were framed in the year 1966. As per the Delhi Nursing Homes Act and Rules, Nursing Homes are required to fulfil set norms and standards as laid down in the Act and Rules for registration. With a view to streamlining the working of Nursing Homes, there is a proposal to amend the Delhi Nursing Homes Registration Act, enhancing the penalty for non-registration. However, in the meunwhile to make the provisions of the Act more effective, the Delhi Nursing Homes Rules, 1966 have been amended and notified vide Delhi Nursing Homes Registration (Amendment) Rules, 1991 on 4-11-1991.

Medical and Dental Colleges in Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra

526. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is mushroom growth of medical and dental colleges in Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the colleges have been approved by the Medical Council as well as Dental Council; and

(c) if not, what steps are being taken to check the growth of such colleges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA):

(a) and (b) The Medical Council of India and the Dental Council of India have infromed that some medical colleges and dental colleges have been started in these States without the prior approval of the concerned Council and some of these colleges have not been approved as they do not fulll the minimum requirements laid down by these Councils.

(c) The report of the Joint Committee of the Parliament on the Indian Medical Council (Amendment) Bill providing for prior permission of the Council for the establishment of new medical college is already before the Rajya Sabha and as soon